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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 23-25, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Basson et al. (Basson) in view of Renner et al. (Renner).

Claims 13, 18, 22 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Basson et al. (Basson) in view of Renner et al. (Renner) as applied to claims 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 23-25, 27 and 28 above, and further in view of Finch et al. (Finch).

The present invention provides, in independent claims 10, 15, 20, and 23, for a first and second wall, the second wall being located between the first wall and the door, where the vehicle components are fixedly attached to the first wall so as to be located within the enclosed volume between the first and second wall.

Basson shows a first panel 203 and a second panel 201 where the second panel 201 is located between the first panel 203 and the vehicle door 2. However, the components are fixedly attached to the second panel 201, not the first panel 203. Further, Basson also shows a third panel 202 located between the second panel 201 and the vehicle door. However, the vehicle components

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are not mounted in the enclosed volume between the second panel 201 and the third panel 202.

As such, Basson does not teach or suggest a first wall and a second wall, the second wall being located between the first wall and the door, and the vehicle door components being fixedly attached to the first wall and located within the enclosed volume formed by the first and second wall. Therefore, Basson does not teach or suggest the present invention.

Neither Renner nor Finch teach or suggest the elements noted above as missing from the Basson. Therefore, Basson in view of Renner, and further in view of Finch cannot teach or suggest the present invention.

Claims 12-14, 17-19, 21, 22 and 24-28, depend directly or indirectly from the independent claims discussed above, and are patentable for at least the reasons given in support of independent claims above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

New Claims

New claims 29-32 are dependent on independent claims 10, 15, 20, and 23, and are therefore patentable for at least the reasons given above in support of the independent claims 10, 15, 20, and 23.

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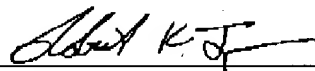
Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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